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FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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Date Approved Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRAMINGAM CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO H.R 38, CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2017 AND S. 446, CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2017.

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, Congressman Richard Hudson (R-NC) introduced a Bill originating in the House, known as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (H.R 38); and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2017, Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) reintroduced Senate Bill 446, known as Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (S. 446), which is a companion Bill to H.R. 38; and

WHEREAS, every state allows concealed carry of weapons (CCW) with different conditions and based on the state's own requirements to carry, as well as the type of training that should be required to allow an individual to carry; and

WHEREAS, in Massachusetts, in order to obtain a CCW permit, an individual must meet specific requirements, including providing a rationale for carrying a weapon and passing a training course; and

WHEREAS, under Massachusetts law, an out-of-state resident is required to meet certain criteria in order to carry a concealed weapon, unless they obtain a CCW permit in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 38 and S. 446 create national reciprocity for state concealed carry permits, forcing every state to recognize CCW permits issue by other states, regardless of the permitting standards of the issuing state; and

WHEREAS, the effect of these Bills, if either were adopted, would be to force states, such as Massachusetts, to allow gun owners from states with more lax rules to carry a concealed weapon without any permits or training; and

WHEREAS, these Bills would override the Gun-Free School Zones Act, which makes it a federal crime to possess a firearm in a school zone; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these Bills would override existing Massachusetts laws regarding Concealed Carry Weapons and would make it more challenging for the City of Framingham to prevent dangerous individuals from carrying weapons in public;

WHEREAS, this Resolution is consistent with the City's goals for public safety and the 2018 State and Federal Legislative Platform that opposes legislation that preempts local authority; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Framingham hereby opposes bills, H.R. 38, "Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017" and S. 446, "Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States and the Honorable Members of the 115th Congress of the United States who represent Framingham, including Senators Markey and Warren and Congresswoman Clark, urging that all oppose Concealed Carry Reciprocity and that Congress oppose passage of H.R. 38/S.446.